

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
Emergency Condition Notification Form

Date June 11, 2011 Update **Time:** 11:00 AM (MDT)

Facility Affected: Fresno Reservoir **River(s) Affected:** Milk River

Organizations Receiving this Notification:

Hill County Dispatch 24-hour Warning Point
Blaine County Dispatch 24-hour Warning Point
Fort Belknap Reservation Tribal Police
Chairman, Tribal Emergency Response Committee – Fort Belknap Reservation
Phillips County Dispatch 24-hour Warning Point
Valley County Dispatch 24-hour Warning Point
National Weather Service, Great Falls
National Weather Service, Glasgow
Montana State Disaster and Emergency Services, Helena
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha
Bureau of Reclamation – Great Plains Regional Office

1. Condition Description

Recent precipitation in the Milk River Basin during the past several days has resulted in high streamflows. Streamflows in the Milk River Basin continue to remain at high levels. Inflows into Fresno Reservoir are continuing to increase resulting in a reservoir elevation of 2577.50. As storm runoff reaches Fresno Reservoir this trend is expected to continue for the next several days.

In accordance with the Fresno Dam Emergency Action Plan (EAP), this keeps Fresno Dam at an elevated response level requiring notifications to downstream authorities and affected agencies.

This is only a result of spillway releases exceeding 2,000 cfs. There are no dam safety related conditions or concerns with Fresno Dam.

Below are the current conditions as of 9:00 a.m. June 11, 2011.

- Elevation = 2577.50
- Storage = 105,637 acre-feet
- Inflow (12-hr avg) = 3,872 cfs
- Discharge = 2,656 cfs

2. Potential River Levels and Times of Arrival

Upstream river stations continue to remain high from recent storm events; as such the projected un-gated spillway releases at Fresno Dam are expected to remain above 2,000 cfs for the next several days, potentially increasing above 3,000 cfs. Projections are based on the latest inflow forecasts from the National Weather Service.

3. Actions Taken by Reclamation

Reclamation continues to monitor river levels both upstream and downstream of Fresno Reservoir, as well at conditions at Fresno Reservoir and will issue further notifications as conditions warrant.

4. Actions Expected of Downstream Agencies

Flows in excess of 2,000 cfs on the Milk River below Fresno Dam are expected for the next several days. Downstream agencies should take these flows into account combined with existing downstream tributary flows entering the Milk River and notify landowners who occupy low lying areas subject to potential flooding. Strongly encourage property owners to take appropriate actions.

5. For Additional Information

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